

(NE) On page 21, lines 20 and 21, change "application no. _____²
(b/o 1038-766)" to read United States Patent Application No. 09/190,245, filed November 13, 1998."

(NE) On page 21, line 28, change "pMp44" to read "pMP44".
(NE) On page 22, lines 15 and 16, change "copending application no. _____
(b/o 1038-766)" to read "the aforementioned copending United States Patent Application No. 09/190,245."

(NE) On page 22, line 21, change "outlines" to read "outlined".
(NE) On page 22, line 22, change "6C" to read "6F" and change ".
(NE) On page 22, line 28, change "3E" to read "3J".

In the Claims:

In claim 18, line 2, change "2D" to read "2B".
In claim 21, line 3, change "2D" to read "2B".
In claim 33, line 3, change "2D" to read "2B"
In claim 37, line 2, change "2D" to read "2B".

In the Drawings:

Cancel the drawings currently on file and substitute therefore the new sheets of drawings enclosed.

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to the drawings as being "extremely blurry". It is regretted that such is the case. We are substituting herewith a print of drawings wherein each of the Figures of drawings contains a crisp outline of each of the Figures.

With respect to these drawings, it is noted that originally filed Figures 1C and 1D do not form part of this application, as is clear from the context of the description of Figure 1. The reference to Figure 1D on page 9, line 6, has been corrected to refer to Figure 2B.

In addition, the description of Figures 3 and 6 have been corrected on pages 10, 11 and 22 to refer to Figures 3A to 3J and Figure 6A to 6F, having regard to the number of sheets over which these Figures now spread.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of two inventions. Having regard thereto, applicant elects the claims of Group I, namely

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claims 1, 2 and 5 to 38 directed to respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). It is noted that claim 1 generically refers to a paramyxovirus.

With respect to the restriction requirement, it is noted that RSV and parainfluenza virus (PIV) both belong to the genus paramyxoviridae and both groups of claims are classified in the same location, namely class 514, subclass 44.

There would not appear to be any hardship caused the Examiner by examining these Groups of claims together.

As noted above, having regard to the requirement to make an election, the claims of Group I have been elected. Since election is made without prejudice to the applicant's right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional or continuation application.

This opportunity has been taken to correct certain additional clerical errors in the disclosure on pages 10, 21 and 22 and claims 18, 21, 33 and 37, to add the missing deposit information for pMP42 on page 20 and to include the patent application identification for the application referred to in blank on pages 21 and 22. These changes have been made in the interest of providing a specification in better form for examination.

It is believed that this application now is in condition for allowance and early and favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,



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